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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, finally rejecting claims 15-27, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.